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Letter dated 16 September 2016 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Third Committee

I have the honour to inform you of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its seventy-first session, held today, 16 September 2016, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/71/250) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I also draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Third Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

2. Social development [item 26]:
   (a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;
   (b) Literacy for life: shaping future agendas.
3. Advancement of women [item 27].

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [item 60].

D. Promotion of human rights

5. Report of the Human Rights Council [item 63].
6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 64]:
   (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;
   (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.
7. Rights of indigenous peoples [item 65]:
   (a) Rights of indigenous peoples;
   (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.
8. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 66]:
   (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.
9. Right of peoples to self-determination [item 67].

10. Promotion and protection of human rights [item 68]:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

11. Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 106].

12. International drug control [item 107].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 121].

14. Programme planning [item 135].